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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, March 1st, 1893.

ASHES.—First quality pots are again higher
at \$4.50 to 4.55, and one local dealer has been
writing to all makers offering these figures;
seconds, \$3.85; for pearls it is hard to make a
quotation in absence of transactions; it is
said \$5.50 was refused lately for a lot of six
barrels. Receipts, aside from a 40-barrel lot
from Picton, have been small of late.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Cements are
quiet, with quotations of English at \$2.35 to
2.50; Belgian, \$2.25. Firebricks are moving
out pretty fairly in moderate lots at from
\$17.50 to 26 according to brand. An enquiry
for a lot of 130,000 was reported the other
day.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—For butter there is a
steady local demand at firm prices, and sup-
plies coming forward are readily absorbed.
We quote creamery, 22 to 24c; townships
dairy, 21 to 22c; Morrisburg and equal, 20 to
21c; Western, 17 to 20c. per lb. Trading in
cheese just now is pretty much of a retail
character, and stocks are very light; we quote
11c to 12c. Fresh eggs bring 30 to 32c; limed,
27 to 28c. per doz.

DRY GOODS.—Nothing specially new is to be
noted in this line of trade. City retail trade
is quiet, and shop-keepers are looking for a
spell of sunshiny, thawing weather, to give a
fillip to the sale of spring goods. Money is not
coming in freely. There is no improvement in
collections from either British Columbia or
Manitoba, and the bad state of trade in the
former province has been accentuated by the
intense cold that has prevailed there lately.
Some difficulty is being experienced in getting
repeats of cotton goods from England, owing
to the scarcity and high price of cotton yarns.

FURS.—Trading in raw furs is quiet, and no
considerable lots are offering. Attention is
now being directed to London, where the
March sales begin in about ten days. We
quote beaver \$4.50 to 5.00; bear, large, \$12 to
18.00; small, \$8 to 10.00; cub, \$3 to 6.00;

fisher, \$3 to 4.50; martens, \$1 to 1.25; mink,
\$1.25 to 2.00; red fox, \$1.20 to 1.40; muskrat,
winter, 15c.; spring, 20c.; skunk, 20 to 80c.
according to stripes and quality; coon, 20 to
80c.; otter, \$8 to 12.00.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—The local grain market
is exceedingly dull, business being confined
to limited transactions in peas and oats. We
quote No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat 83 to 84c.;
No. 3 ditto, 76 to 78c.; corn, 64 to 66c.; peas,
71 to 73c.; oats, 33 to 34c.; feed barley, 40 to
42c.; malting ditto, 50 to 53c. per bushel. The
flour market also shows a lack of animation,
and holders would be disposed to concede in
price on fair-sized lots. We quote patents
\$4.20 to 4.50; straight roller, \$3.60 to 3.75;
extra, \$3.10 to 3.25; superfine, \$2.75 to 2.90;
strong bakers, \$4 to 4.20 per barrel.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal
elevators were as follows, on dates given:

	Feb. 27, 1893.	Feb. 30, 1893.
Wheat, bushels	557,562	565,097
Corn "	2,877	14,387
Oats "	481,745	478,543
Rye "	33,794	32,424
Peas "	322,270	337,801
Barley "	70,380	86,430

Total grain..... \$1,468,628 \$1,499,672

The stock of flour in store at Montreal
on Monday last was 51,319 bushels compared
with 50,599 the previous week, and 48,743
bushels on 29th February, 1892. Of oatmeal
there was only 183 barrels in store, against 473
barrels the previous week, and 3,229 a year
before.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Green hides are rather
quiet and unchanged in value, dealers still
buying at 5c. per lb. and selling to tanners at
5c. for No. 1. Calfskins are moving up and
are worth 6c. stiff; lambskins, 95c. to \$1.05
each. Tallow continues to advance, and is
now quoted at 4c. to 5c. for raw, while rendered
is held at 8c. per pound.

LEATHER.—Last week showed moderate
business, but sales have quieted down at the
moment, as is usual at the turn of the month.
The firmness in sole lately noted is maintained,
and splits show a decidedly stiffening tend-
ency; some tanners of the best grades are ask-
ing 2 cents advance, owing to the big jump in
the price of tallow, oils, etc. An English
letter just received reports a steadier market,
with an improvement in the demand for
splits, but freight rates are still against
shipments. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A.
No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to
18c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No.
2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be
had; No. 1, slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2, do., 18
to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British
oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and
medium, 25 to 29c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 25c.;
grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 28 to 30c.;
splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.;
calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.),
50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to
80c.; colored calf, American, 26 to 30c.; Cana-
dian, 20 to 23c.; colored pebbled cow, 13 to
15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; har-
ness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra
heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.;
polished buff, 10 to 12c.; glove grain, 11 to
13c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle. 45
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